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1. FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING CORRESPONDENT RIVERS STATE GOVERNMENT OWNED NIGERIAN TIDE, APPEARS PROBABLE THAT REPORTS TO EDITOR NEW NIGERIAN (REFTEL) THAT AMAKIRI ACTUALLY DIETE-SPIFF'S BROTHER-IN-LAW AND THAT HARASSMENT RESULT OF PURELY PERSONAL DISAGREEMENT ARE UNTRUE. GENERAL BELIEF OF CORRESPONDENTS IS THAT THIS RUMOR DELIBERATE ATTEMPT OF RIVERS STATE TO DEFUSE CONTROVERSY.

2. COMMENT: SINCE DIETE-SPIFF AND AMAKIRI COME FROM REPORTEDTY WIDELY DIFFERENT AND GENERALLY HOSTILE ETHNIC BACK-GROUNDS (IJAW AND IBO, RESPECTIVELY), WE ARE INCLINED BELIEVE PRESS ASSERTION THEY ARE NOT RELATED BY MARRIAGE. APPARENT CALL FROM MEMBER OF DIETE-SPIFF STAFF TO NEW NIGERIAN EDITOR REPORTED IN REFTEL ADDS CREDENCE TO CORRESPONDENTS' BELIEF REGARDING RIVERS STATE ORIGIN OR RUMOR. IF RUMOR SHOULD BE TRUE, HOWEVER, OR IF IT BECOMES WIDELY BELIEVED BY PUBLIC, IT MAY DEFUSE
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CRITICISM OVER PRESS HARASSMENT; AT SAME TIME CRITICISM

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OF DIETE-SPIFF AS "PETTY TYRANT" WHO ABUSES POWER FOR
CAPRICIOUS PERSONAL ENDS MIGHT ACTUALLY INCREASE.
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